

Meehan	Quinn	Spratt
Meek	Rahall	Stabenow
Menendez	Ramstad	Stark
Millender-McDonald	Rangel	Stearns
Miller (CA)	Reyes	Stenholm
Minge	Riggs	Stokes
Mink	Rivers	Strickland
Moakley	Rodriguez	Stump
Mollohan	Roemer	Stupak
Moran (VA)	Rothman	Talent
Morella	Roukema	Tauscher
Murtha	Roybal-Allard	Tauzin
Myrick	Rush	Taylor (MS)
Nadler	Ryun	Thompson
Neal	Sabo	Thornberry
Neumann	Salmon	Thurman
Oberstar	Sanchez	Tiahrt
Obey	Sanders	Tierney
Olver	Sandlin	Torres
Ortiz	Sawyer	Towns
Owens	Saxton	Turner
Pallone	Scarborough	Velazquez
Pascrell	Schaffer, Bob	Vento
Pastor	Schumer	Visclosky
Paul	Scott	Walsh
Payne	Serrano	Waters
Pelosi	Shadegg	Watt (NC)
Peterson (MN)	Sherman	Waxman
Peterson (PA)	Shuster	Wexler
Pickett	Sisisky	Weygand
Pitts	Skaggs	White
Pomeroy	Smith, Adam	Wise
Poshard	Smith, Linda	Woolsey
Price (NC)	Snyder	Wynn
	Souder	Yates

## NOT VOTING—9

Berman	Doolittle	Molinari
Bonior	Farr	Schiff
Boucher	Hansen	Slaughter

So the amendment was not agreed to.

After some further time,

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. CHABOT, assumed the Chair.

When Mr. LATOURETTE, Chairman, reported that the Committee, having had under consideration said bill, had come to no resolution thereon.

## ¶78.11 PERMISSION TO FILE REPORT

On motion of Mr. REGULA, by unanimous consent, the Committee on Appropriations was granted permission until midnight tonight, to file a privileged report (Rept. No. 105-175) on the bill (H.R. 2158) making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes.

Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XXI, all points of order were reserved.

## ¶78.12 PERMISSION TO FILE REPORT

On motion of Mr. REGULA, by unanimous consent, the Committee on Appropriations was granted permission until midnight, Monday, July 14, 1997, to file a privileged report on the bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes.

Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XXI, all points of order were reserved.

## ¶78.13 PERMISSION TO FILE REPORT

On motion of Mr. REGULA, by unanimous consent, the Committee on Appropriations was granted permission until midnight Monday, July 14, 1997, to file a privileged report on the bill

making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes.

Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XXI, all points of order were reserved.

## ¶78.14 MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Sundry messages in writing from the President of the United States were communicated to the House by Mr. Sherman Williams, one of his secretaries.

## ¶78.15 UNFINISHED BUSINESS—APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. CHABOT, pursuant to clause 5, rule I, announced the unfinished business to be the question on agreeing to the Chair's approval of the Journal of Thursday, July 10, 1997.

The question being put, viva voce,

Will the House agree to the Chair's approval of said Journal?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. CHABOT, announced that the yeas had it.

So the Journal was approved.

## ¶78.16 NATIONAL COMMISSION ON THE COST OF HIGHER EDUCATION

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. CHABOT, laid before the House a communication, which was read as follows:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, OFFICE OF THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER,  
Washington, DC, July 11, 1997.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,  
Speaker of the House, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to Section 40003 of Public Law 105-18, I hereby appoint the following individuals to the National Commission on the Cost of Higher Education:

Dr. Blanche Touhill, St. Louis, Missouri.

Dr. Walter Massey, Atlanta, Georgia.

Yours very truly,

RICHARD A. GEPHARDT.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk notify the Senate of the foregoing appointments.

## ¶78.17 ADJOURNMENT OVER

On motion of Mr. SAXTON, by unanimous consent,

*Ordered*, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday, July 14, 1997, at 3:00 p.m.

## ¶78.18 HOUR OF MEETING

On motion of Mr. SAXTON, by unanimous consent,

*Ordered*, That when the House adjourns on Monday, July 14, 1997, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 15, 1997, for "morning-hour debate".

## ¶78.19 CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS DISPENSED WITH

On motion of Mr. SAXTON, by unanimous consent,

*Ordered*, That business in order for consideration on Wednesday, July 16, 1997, under clause 7, rule XXIV, the Calendar Wednesday rule, be dispensed with.

## ¶78.20 MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—NATIONAL ENDOWMENT OF THE ARTS

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. CHABOT, laid before the House a message from the President, which was read as follows:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

It is my pleasure to transmit the Annual Report of the National Endowment for the Arts for 1996.

One measure of a great nation is the vitality of its culture, the dedication of its people to nurturing a climate where creativity can flourish. By supporting our museums and theaters, our dance companies and symphony orchestras, our writers and our artists, the National Endowment for the Arts provides such a climate. Look through this report and you will find many reasons to be proud of our Nation's cultural life at the end of the 20th century and what it portends for Americans and the world in the years ahead.

Despite cutbacks in its budget, the Endowment was able to fund thousands of projects all across America—a museum in Sitka, Alaska; a dance company in Miami, Florida; a production of a Eugene O'Neill play in New York City; a Whistler exhibition in Chicago; and artists in schools in all 50 States. Millions of Americans were able to see plays, hear concerts, and participate in the arts in their hometowns, thanks to the work of this small agency.

As we set our priorities for the coming years, let's not forget the vital role the National Endowment for the Arts must continue to play in our national life. The Endowment shows the world that we take pride in American culture here and abroad. It is a beacon, not only of creativity, but of freedom. And let us keep that lamp brightly burning now and for all time.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, July 11, 1997.

By unanimous consent, the message, together with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on Education and the Work Force.

## ¶78.21 MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BUDGET REQUEST—FISCAL YEAR 1998

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. CHABOT, laid before the House a message from the President, which was read as follows:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

In accordance with section 202(c)(5)(C)(ii) of the Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Act of 1995 ("the FRMA Act"), I am transmitting the Council of the District of Columbia's "Fiscal Year 1998 Budget Request Act of 1997."

The Council's proposed Fiscal Year 1998 Budget was disapproved by the Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority (the "Authority") on June 12. Under the FRMA Act, if the Authority disapproves the Council's financial plan and budget, the Mayor must submit that budget to the President to be transmitted to the Congress. My transmittal of the Dis-